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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/442,542; "Sustained DNA Delivery from Structural Matrices"; Shea, Bonadio, Mooney and Peters; (Client Reference: UM 1522P1)*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and copies of references A30, B14 and C48.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4100.002000.

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present case. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Although first and second Restriction Requirements have been received, the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is therefore timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and no fees should be due in connection herewith.

For the convenience of the Examiner, it should be noted that each of the listed documents were identified in connection with Opposition proceedings concerning a European patent of the present Assignee that lists an inventor in common with the present application.

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